

"Big Oaks From Little Acorns Grow"

"The Child Is Father of the Man"

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Number 1

Junior Prom

The winter scene was prominent, but the White Magic Prom which was sponsored by the Junior class out-glistened nature's sparkle. The crowning of the Snow Queen was the main event of the dance, but, as always, the Class of '49 scheduled a dance that was entertaining throughout the evening. Paul Gervais' Orchestra had been obtained. The affair was held on Friday evening, December 5, in the College gym. This, the first semiformal of the year, surpassed the already renowned dances of the 49'ers.

Nancy M. Curley and Marjorie L. Frohock were co-chairmen.

Originality in dance orders reached the ultimate under the chairmanship of Elizabeth Army, with Rose Rita Ahern, Mary Brennan, Dorothy M. Fancy, and Marie F. Alfano as her co-workers.

Winter scenes furnished a decoration theme. Co-chairmen Geraldine Farrey, Richard Buckley, and Chester Ruggles were assisted by Tora Sternlof, Edith Hill, F. Edward McGee, Paul Murray, James McKeon, Phyllis Rawding, June M. Higgins, Elizabeth Robinson, Lillian Strand, Chester Waskiewicz, Rosalind Scott, Della Whitney, and Cornelius Sullivan.

The patrons were given special invitations and attention by Sylvia Hawley, Mabel Pollard, and Marie Hammond.

When the Frosh Were On the Pumpkin

The first social event of the season at W. S. T. C. was a Harvest Dance on Friday evening, October 17, sponsored by the Sophomore Class to welcome the Freshmen. The gym was decorated with full moons, black cats, and autumn leaves, and pumpkins and corn stalks filled the corners. The student committee was headed by Anne-Marie Owens; Barbara E. Wiseman was chairman of decorations; and Ellen E. McKeon was program chairman. Other committee members were Phyllis Shulman, James H. V. Looney, James A. Sullivan, John F. Rourke, John M. Ford, and Joseph A. Philbin.

In the receiving line were President and Mrs. Eugene A. Sullivan; Miss Marguerite C. McKelligett, chairman of the faculty social committee; Miss Agnes E. Scribner, sponsor of the Sophomore Class; Miss Elizabeth R. Barlow, sponsor of the Freshman Class; and Walter S. Morley, president of the Sophomore Class, and Mrs. Morley.

J. Elaine Lorys and June D. Tower welcomed both classes, and presented them with identification tags to further the "get acquainted" theme. They were assisted by Phyllis DuGuay, and Vita E. Gordon. Charles Baniukiewicz was in charge of music, furnished by popular recordings, and directed a novelty

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Freedom Train Assembly

Mr. Francis J. McGrath, executive director of the Freedom Train Committee, and principal of the Elizabeth Street School, addressed the student body on Friday, October 3, in the college assembly hall. Mr. McGrath was a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve during World War II.

His subject, "The East and the West," was an appraisal of our American heritage, and its contributions to present day Americanism. Mr. McGrath emphasized the purpose of the Freedom Train to bring about an awareness of our heritage, a stimulation of awareness that would make us conscious of American principles, not just for one day, but for the entire year. He also touched upon the Communist attack on the Freedom train, mentioning the attacks in different periods of history on stable governments, specifically the Battle of Marathon, the first war, with the "Prussian menace", the second world war, with the "shadow of Hitler", and, at present, the "shadow of communism over the Balkans, and all of Europe."

QUOTES

"We look on the hope and light of democracy, democracy as interpreted by Thomas Jefferson from Locke and Bellarmine, and other great philosophers."

"The first World War was fought to make the world safe for democracy. Now we are forced with the obligation of making democracy safe for the world. In doing that, the hope of the world lies in us, in the west."

Mr. McGrath's speech was an inspiring and awakening message to all youth and to all slumbering Americans. We, at S. T. C., shall certainly number the Freedom Day Assembly as one of the most significant and informative assemblies of the year.

Nurses Enter S.T.C.

The first class of student nurses ever to receive their academic training at State Teachers' College, entered the school this fall. The thirty students in training at Worcester City Hospital, are transferred to and from the school by hospital-provided cars. Members of the faculty offering courses to the nurses are: Agnes V. Scribner: Microbiology; Francis L. Jones: Sociology; Edmund C. Osborne: Chemistry; and Dorothy M. Stafford: Anatomy.

The following, by Muriel Sternbane, student nurse, is an expression of the sentiment felt by the nurses towards S. T. C.

"Here cherished for all time
Your gift of knowledge, State Teachers' College."

How well these words seem to express the common feeling of the nurses in the class of 1950B at Worcester City Hospital: "We came

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Miss Fitch Retires

On September 1, after having served twenty-two years as a librarian at this college, Miss Winifred C. Fitch has retired, because of ill health. Our college has suffered a great loss. Her efficiency and generous help has often been responsible for a great deal of our academic success. Her close cooperation with the students and her associates on the faculty, as well as her generous disposal of scientific, cultural, and education information, minimized the difficulties of most of our research projects. Her thorough understanding and insight into students' problems, and her conscientious effort to solve them, have made a lasting impression on all of us. In her going, we have suffered the loss of an inspiring worker and true friend, who has served as an inspiration and model for the thousands of teachers who have been exposed to her generous and virtuous way of life.

New Librarian

The Faculty and Students wish to extend a cordial welcome to Miss Lorraine Tolman, our recently-appointed librarian.

Miss Tolman's extensive education and diversified experience may well prove invaluable to those of us who are in the field of education. She has an A. B. from Radcliffe College, and has done graduate work at the University of Southern California, where she received a B. S. in Library Science, and an M. S. in education. She served two years in the Women's Army Corps and has been associated with libraries in many of our New England colleges.

We are sure Miss Tolman will enjoy being here at W. S. T. C., just as much as faculty and student body enjoy having her here.

Naturalists Visit S.T.C.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis H. Babbitt, well-known New England naturalists, entertained the students on Friday, October 17, with movies of their naturalistic expeditions. Mrs. Babbitt's narration, along with the movies, included interesting sidelights of the trips.

On the stage were live specimens of the frogs, toads, and snakes captured during the field trips of the Babbitts. As an added attraction students were able to listen to the voices of the frogs, and the rattle of the rattle-snake, over the microphone.

Following the lecture, the enthusiastic audience was permitted to examine the specimens on the stage.

Frosh Elect

The recently elected officers of the freshman class are:

Chairman: Harry Howard
Sec'y: Claire Hutchinson
Treas: William Humphries
Social Chairman: Thomas Derry



CAST FOR DEAR RUTH

Left to right—seated: Joseph C. Deely, Phyllis Rawding, Beverly Norcross. Left to right—standing: Norman C. Najimy, James J. Nugent, Marguerite M. Looney.

Class Week

W. S. T. C. had a series of class week assemblies from Tuesday to Friday, October 28 to 31. They were sponsored by the student council, with each class presenting an original show.

The juniors launched the week with a nautical assembly. The scene was a ship deck with girls dressed in navy blue and white. The boys enacted a pantomime to the accompaniment of "Anchors Aweigh," with words written by Rose-Marie A. Biron. The men "scrubbed decks" under orders of Chester W. Ruggles, and the skit ended with the class song. Marjorie T. Frohock, president of the junior class, was chairman.

Wednesday was sophomore day. A magic show was the major attraction. The class song started off the assembly. Joseph C. Deely was chairman. Those participating in the act were: Rosario W. Iuliano, Henry Witko, George J. Cornetta, and George Kevill.

The freshmen, under Howard Howard, president, presented a variety show. Dressed in costume, and swaying to the tunes of the gay nineties, the freshmen made their mark at S. T. C. The class song, to the tune of "Semper Paratus," with words by Shirley M. Dodge, was sung at the finale. William J. Higgins played the accompaniment. The nurses, dressed in navy blue and white, were an impressive picture as they sang in excellent unison and harmony their class song to the tune of "Wif-fenpoof Song."

Friday the seniors donned caps and gowns to distinguish them from the underclassmen. Their unique assembly consisted of a "Memory Book," with a series of unforgettable and memorable character sketches of each member of the class. Katherine J. Govin, composer of the music to the class song, was accompanist, while Catherine A. Hogen led the group in singing.

From 2:30 to 3:30 on Friday a tea in honor of the seniors was held.

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*Dramatic Club Presents "Dear Ruth"

On December 12, the Dramatic Club, under the supervision of Miss Kathryn R. O'Donnell, presented the scintillating comedy of stage and screen fame, "Dear Ruth."

The story is about an average teen-age girl of the times, who, imbued with the spirit of patriotism, writes to servicemen stationed overseas, and signs the name of her older sister. Startling results create the interest of the plan.

The cast of characters in order of their appearance was as follows: Dora—Marguerite M. Looney

Mrs. Edith Wilkins—Phyllis Rawding

Miriam Wilkins—Beverly Norcross

Judge Harry Wilkins—Joseph C. Deely

Ruth Wilkins—June M. Higgins

Lt. Wm. Seawright—James J. Nugent

Albert Kummer—Norman C. Najimy

Martha Seawright—Geraldine Guertin

Sgt. Chuck Vincent—Charles Burack

Harold Klobbermeyer—Paul Murray

Backstage, Cecilia Houle and Marie Fitzgerald took care of properties.

Stage Manager was Carlton Walker; electrician, Andrew Oswald; and bookholder, Anne Sullivan.

The play was a huge success, as past productions of the Dramatic Club have proved to be.

Oakleaf

According to the report of the yearbook staff, the *Oakleaf*, the yearbook of W. S. T. C., is progressing by leaps and bounds toward publication date. The staff committee has been chosen and is composed of the following seniors: Co-editors, Mary Osbourne and Clara Saunders; Literary editors, Jean Sullivan, Marjorie Carroll, Barbara Looney, and Geraldine Guertin; Photographer, Patricia Hehir; Art, Norma Gardner; and Business manager, Mary Londergan.

Most of the photographs of the graduating seniors have been already given to the committee. There has

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THE ACORN STAFF

Barbara Looney, 1948 *Editor-in-chief*
 Gloria Braunstein, 1950, Phyllis Shulman, 1950

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 Vita Gordon, 1950 *Club News Editor*
 Anne Marie Owens, 1950 *Art Editor*
 James Sullivan, 1950 *Men's Editor*
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 Barbara Geronimo, 1951 Marie Fitzgerald, 1951
 John Hiser, 1951

Miss Kathryn R. O'Donnell *Faculty Adviser*



STAFF OF THE ACORN

Front row from left to right: Clara Saunders, Phyllis Shulman, Ludwig J. Stepanian, Gloria F. Braunstein.

Back row—left to right: Vita Gordon, Geraldine Guertin, Phyllis Rawding, Norwood Spaulding, Barbara Looney, Editor.

Welcome! Freshmen!

Every newspaper or magazine is constantly on the look-out for new subscribers. The ACORN is no different. Other newspapers and magazines, however, usually promote new subscriptions by means of bribery. They offer: "A year's free subscription for three new readers!" "A free set of dishes is waiting for you!" "Answer this ad, and make extra money for Christmas!" Their offers are endless. But, here, the simile ends; here, we of The ACORN staff differ.

We can't offer you free subscriptions because, as a member of the S. T. C. student body, you automatically receive a free copy of each edition of this paper. Nor can we offer you free sets of dishes or extra money for Christmas. We can, and do, however, offer you a *Student* publication. In this paper, you find *Student* news, *Student* gossip, *Student* activities, and *Student* writings. The pages are free from advertisements; they are filled with student jottings, students' literary attempts.

We of the staff do our best to include every bit of school news; we willingly accept any artistic or literary brain-child offered to us.

You, the freshmen, are our new subscribers, and we welcome you. This is the Worcester S. T. C. gazette. When you have school news that you're afraid we'll overlook, when you've jotted down a poem, satire, editorial, or story that you're rather proud of, when you've decided that a "Letter to the Editors" is a "must"—come to us! We'll love you for it.

"Big oaks from little acorns grow"—so we're hoping for your co-operation!

"No 'Butts' About It!"

It's cold outside in the winter, and it isn't any fun standing around in the snow and sleet just to have a cigarette. It's good and warm inside, and that's where we want to be. Well—the choice is up to us.

President Sullivan has asked us to cooperate with him in keeping our smoking room clean. If we do not do this, our smoking privileges will be taken away. We don't want this to happen and neither does President Sullivan.

It's a simple matter to throw our cigarette butts in the provided ash trays and to keep the newspapers off the floor. No one is going to break his back by the simple act of stooping over to pick up a paper.

So, let's cooperate with each other in preserving our smoking room privileges. And let's cooperate with President Sullivan, not only because we want to keep our use of the room, but to show him that we're ready to cooperate with him when asked. Let's show a little school spirit and keep that room clean. No "butts" about it!

Class Officers

The following officers were elected by the upperclassmen to serve for the coming school year.

Seniors

President: Mary C. Walsh
 Vice President: Norma R. Gardner
 Secretary: Mary T. Londergan
 Treasurer: Jean F. Sullivan
 Social Chairman: Barbara M. Looney

Juniors

President: Marjorie L. Frohock
 Vice President: Edith F. Hill
 Secretary: Mary F. Alfano
 Treasurer: Sophia M. Hart
 Social Chairman: Nancy M. Curley

W.A.A. Conference at North Adams

The W. A. A. of Massachusetts State Teacher Colleges had a conference on October 17 at North Adams State Teachers College. The purpose was to discuss problems and formulate suggestions. The general plan of every conference consists of round table discussions and a speaker, who is an authority in some related field of physical education.

Following Friday's business meeting, Mr. Daniel Kelly, director of physical education in Massachusetts, spoke about physical education in the state.

The next meeting consisted of a report by the Bridgewater representative on the former A. A. conferences. In the general session that followed, Mr. Carl Schrader, the former State Supervisor of Physical Education, discussed previous conferences as he remembered them.

The conference song, originally begun by Worcester, and composed of verses contributed by each college, was sung.

Friday night, the drama club of North Adams State Teachers College presented a one-act play entitled "The Mad Hatter." A real old-fashioned barn dance, held in the gym, followed.

The first meeting on Saturday morning was a business meeting. The subject for the survey to be carried out by Westfield College was decided upon. It was "How Does the W. A. A. Function as a Unifying Influence?" A general session followed this meeting, in which the panel or round-table discussions on the reports which took place Friday morning were reviewed and discussed. The report of the survey that Salem carried on this year was given. The subject of this report was "How Can the W. A. A. With its High Standards for Health and Posture, Contribute to Better Posture?"

The final meeting of the conference was followed by a general sports session, in which the faculty as well as the students participated. Field hockey, badminton, and volleyball were played. This was a fitting end to the W. A. A. Conference of Mass. State Teachers' Colleges.

Nurses Enter S.T.C.

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here, not knowing just what to expect, but State Teachers' College has fulfilled every dream we might have had as to what college life might mean to us. Our instructors have been the best; our fellow classmates very friendly, considering the short time we are here during the day. President Sullivan has done his best to make our stay at school a pleasant one. To all we extend our gratitude. We sincerely hope we'll make excellent nurses, and that State Teachers' will be proud to say they helped us rise in our upward climb!

Sophomores

President: Walter S. Morley
 Vice President: Ellen E. McKeon
 Secretary: Barbara E. Wiseman
 Treasurer: James A. Sullivan
 Social Chairman: Anne M. Owens

Paracutin Volcano

Miss Stafford was one of two teachers of State Teachers' College who visited Mexico this past summer. She left on June 20, traveling 1360 miles by trailer and car. Among the places she visited were Guadalajara, Mexico City, Tapco, the town of hand-made silver-work, Chapultepec Castle in Mexico City, Santa Monica, where she travelled through the Secret Convent and the Pyramid of the Sun, Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, and the Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, Brice, Zion and Sequoia National Parks in our own United States. One of the most interesting trips was the visit to the Paracutin, a live volcano in Urupan. The following is what she has to say about the experience.

"Paracutin, located about 150 miles southwest of Moalia, is the only live volcano in North America. We were up at 2:30 in the morning, and, dressed in blue denims as protection against volcanic ash, left by taxi for Paracutin. We drove 30 miles through volcanic ash and improvised bridges to a place two miles distant from the edge of the lava flow. Horses were hired, and two young Indian boys, ages seven and nine, served as guides. We reached the base of the lava flow about 4:30 A. M., just before daylight. In order to see the reddish glow of the lava, it is necessary to be at Paracutin, at about this time. Walking around the edge, we watched the outbreaks of hot lava. This to me, was the most thrilling part of our journey to Paracutin. As dawn came, we could see smoke issuing from the crater. We mounted our horses again, and went back to the base of the lava flow. On the way back, some distance from the spot, we were able to pick up pieces of the warm and hot lava. Driving back to the hotel in the taxi, we could see the top of the church of a town, which had been buried in an eruption of the volcano. Riding over the volcanic ash was like riding over coal dust. Fortunately it had rained the week before we had gotten there, so the ash didn't fly. We reached the hotel at 8:00. It is interesting to note that the entire trip cost only 55 pesos, or \$11.55, a cheap rate compared to our American prices. The sight of Paracutin was well worth both the money and the journey."

Miss Stafford returned home on August 29.

All College Dance

Friday evening, November 7, was the date of the annual All-College Dance; and at this first all-school dance of the new semester, school spirit reigned majestically. The freshman Decoration Committee, headed by Freshman Social Chairman, Thomas Derry, transformed the gym that night into a veritable blue and gold fantasy. School and class banners blazoned forth that this was a Worcester S. T. C. dance, that this was the work of the classes of '48, '49, '50, and '51. And, in direct keeping with the theme of the decorations, Anne Marie Owens, chairman of the Dance Order Com-

mittee, and Social Chairman of the Sophomore Class, produced a blue and gold dance order with a blue cover containing a gold oakleaf and the gold letters "S. T. C."—Well worth keeping in any memory book. Paul Gervais' orchestra was provided by Nancy Curley, Orchestra chairman and Social Chairman of the Junior Class, and all who attended considered hers a very wise selection. The music was really danceable. The seniors did their bit, too. Led by class president, Mary Walsh, they served as a Hospitality Committee to the kind faculty members who served as chaperons: Miss Grace Kendrick, Miss George Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Riordan.

This first dance of the season, led by general chairman, Barbara Looney, Social Chairman of the Senior class, was a happy success. May we have many more such affairs!

Miss McKelligett in Mexico

This past summer a member of our faculty, Miss McKelligett, vacationed in Mexico. The following sights and incidents, in her opinion, highlighted the trip.

First of all, Miss McKelligett was surprised at the customs, and at the discovery that only Spanish was spoken. She was intrigued by the promenade of the boys and girls around the Plaza at Monterrey, which took place every Thursday night, and by the little policeman who placed his box on the street corner and rode with Miss McKelligett and her companions to their hotel at San Luis Potosi. A recent moving picture "Holiday in Mexico" portrays the promenade of which Miss McKelligett speaks.

Still vivid to her are the remembrances of Lindberg and the Morrows, King Carol of Rumania and Empress Carlotta, and Maximilian, in the Borda gardens of Cuernavaca.

The wild, savage beauty of the mountains of Mexico, the orchids in the jungle, the incredible city of Taxo, clinging to the mountainside; the little chalet, in which they stayed, on the cliffs of Acapules, and the exquisite beauty of the churches were all very memorable sights. Other most interesting and beautiful views were volcanoes of Popocatepill, Axtaccihault, and the new one of Paricutin, of which Miss Stafford speaks in her article on her Mexican trip.

Miss McKelligett was pleased and fascinated by the sincerity, simplicity, and patience of the Mexican people, as well as by the beauty of the young Spanish girls.

"The Pause that Refreshes"

Little do the Freshmen realize the luxuries that came in with them this fall! We are speaking, in particular, of the coco-cola machine in the school cafeteria. In previous years S. T. C. was forced to get along without soft drinks. This year, however, students are able to sing their happy birthday toasts with a coke. Lightly as we may take it, we are sure everyone appreciates the little red machine in the corner of the cafeteria.

College Calendar

1947-1948

Columbus Day	Monday, October 13
Soph.—Fresh. Dance	Friday, October 17
Class Week	Tues. to Friday, October 28-31
Senior Assembly, Cap, gown Day	Friday, October 31
Student Tea	Friday, October 31
All-College Dance	Friday, November 7
Armistice Day	Tuesday, Nov. 11
A. A. A. Dance	Friday, Nov. 14
Newman Club Dance	Friday, Nov. 21
Thanksgiving recess	Wed. noon-Mon., Nov. 26-Dec. 1
Junior Prom	Friday Dec. 5
Dramatic Club Play	Friday, Dec. 12
Christmas Recess	Fri.-Mon. Dec. 20 to Jan. 5
Mid-Semester Exams	Friday-Wed., Jan. 23-28
No Classes	Thursday-Friday, Jan. 29-30
2nd Semester Begins	Monday, Feb. 2
All-College Dance	Friday, Feb. 13
Recess	Saturday-Mon., Feb. 21-Mar. 1
High School Senior Day	Friday, March 19
Good Friday	Friday, March 26
Recess	Saturday-Sun., April 17-April 26
Glee Club Concert	Thursday April 29
Sophomore Dance	Friday, May 7
Memorial Day Recess	Friday-Sun. May 30
Baccalaureate	Saturday, June 6
Class Day	Friday, June 11
Senior Dance	Friday, June 11
Commencement	Sunday, June 13

CAFETERIA UNDER
NEW MANAGEMENT

This year our school is very fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Margaret Mahoney as cafeteria manager. Anyone who has talked to Mrs. Mahoney has found her charming, full of praise for S. T. C. and grateful for the cooperation it has given her. She has kept prices in the cafeteria at last year's level without sacrificing quality, despite the increase in food costs—an unusual feat in this age of inflation.

New additions to the cafeteria include a "Coke" machine, which will remain as long as the students remember to keep the empty bottles in the proper place; and the new hours that meals are served. Up until this year, the cafeteria had been open only for the noon-hour. Now anyone may go in for breakfast starting at eight o'clock. Hot coffee and home-made doughnuts are always available.

Mrs. Mahoney and her staff are willing to offer their services to the refreshment committee of any club. They are aiming to please the student body, to give everyone plenty to eat, and are very grateful for the way in which the students have been cooperating to keep the cafeteria clean.

If the students continue to cooperate with Mrs. Mahoney, the excellent food and service will continue at its unusually good standard.

College Band

For the first time in the history of the college, a decided attempt has been made at organizing a band at S. T. C.

With the large enrollment came a large group of talented and accomplished men and women, versatile veterans, and a top school spirit. With the cooperation and combined efforts of all our talent, the band will gain power and prestige as time goes on. The band is by no means complete, and any and all school musicians will be heartily welcomed. Members of the band are:

Joseph C. Deely—drums; Edward H. Donahue—piano and drums; Rosarie Iuliano—saxophone; Rose Marie Biron—piano; Ernest St. Jacques—Bass.

Along the Corridors

English Prof.: She has what's called an ice-cream posture — very drippy.

E. Lorys: Do you have little white things in your head that bite? Student (emphatically): No!

E. Lorys: Then you'd better see a dentist!

Dr. F.: He was a million dollar father, but his son wasn't worth a nickel.

V. Gordon: What did the firefly say when he lost his tail?

Student: What?

V. G.: I'm delighted no end.

Student: What's an enzyme.

2nd Student: A low-ranking naval officer.

Wise rules for a speaker: A good speaker should—first, stand up, second, speak up, and third, shut up.

Dr. F.: Carl Marx is the fellow who put the hiss in history. In Russia, they are ardent worshippers of the philosophy of St. Marx.

F. Weaver's definition of a gentleman: A worn-out wolf.

J. Gilmartin: Did Witco make the boat on that history test?

Dr. F.: Make it! He didn't even get down to the dock.

R. Byron: Why is Fran Sweeney wearing that glove on her hand?

B. Army: She's got a diamond, and 'doesn't want anyone to know it.

J. Hagar: Comes the revolution the Russians were left penniless, all except the Czar, who was Nicholas.

Steve Cronin (S-1 Speech class): . . . And that, classmates, will give you a brief record of the 300 leading football teams in the country, and the scores and yardage of all games played in the past 20 years. Of course,

For Men Only

Mystery of the year: Who breaks all the chairs in the men's lounge? Ha, ha, nobody knows.—Dave Roche, seen at the Foreign Policy Meeting, taking notes.—Dick Boulay, still searching for a new place to hide his shaving gear.—Al Barrios is publishing a child psychology book, which is shaped like a paddle. Incidentally, I think we're all agreed that Al's baby was the hit of the senior assembly.—Snuffy Carnazza is a proud owner of a 1947 deluxe baby. He looks like Snuffy, so he has problems already with the women folk.—Don Wilson is night clerk at the Y. W. C. A. Rosie Scott still lives there.—Dick Ahern has all the "info" on all the "French" girls in Webster.—Al Fotiades has many friends—he works in a package store after school.—John Handlin is still singing at the Blue Marlin.—John Tower hasn't returned to S. T. C. I wonder why?—Junior prom is December 7; no admission, but they are asking for a contribution of \$2.40 per couple. Nothing cheap about the junior class.—Connie Sullivan had the nerve to ask Kay Hennigan to marry him; there is hope for us all!—Mr. Osborne has ordered gas masks for his "Chem" class, because "Flip" McGee insists upon doing his own experiments.—Dick Buckley is taking the elementary course; he wants to learn how to make a lollipop last two days.—State Teachers' still has a delegation at Cosgrove's. The new members are Leo Hallen, and "Red" Wall. Joe Murray is in charge of the delegation at the Chop House—ditto for George Keville Logan's.—Stan Roy, the famous father of Worcester's first 1947 twins, is in the used-car business. His motto is "Honest Roy, the generous boy."—Freshmen in the lounge are annoying the upper classmen by doing Miss Banigan's tongue exercises during noon hour.—Listening to Mr. Osborne read Physics test marks, one would swear it was a reading off of their ages.—Eddie Donahue has proven himself to be God's gift to the girls at S. T. C.—Chet Waskiewicz has been pegged as the most promising coach in collegiate circles.—Joe Deely has turned down offers from M. G. M. and other studios. He wishes to complete his education, and be of service to humanity.—Dick Herbst looks to be one of the more promising basketball stars at S. T. C.—"Honest Joe" Philbin seems to have an affinity for blondes with convertibles and "moula."—Jack Gilmartin has preached temperance in every bar on Martha's Vineyard.—Bill Higgins was invited to the Junior Prom by nine different girls.—George Laird has a reserved seat in the Waldorf every afternoon. By the way, we understand he has finally broken

this is only an impromptu speech.

Vita Gordon: Thank you, Bill Stern. P. DuGuay's sub title for the book *The Last of the Mohicans*—This is the Last Squaw.

In response to Dr. F.'s continued lamentations about civilization, We understand that the F-3 class has given him a record of "Bongo Bongo."

down and admitted that he gave Ruth Tucker a diamond during the summer.—Once again, does anybody know who broke the chairs in the lounge?—Dr. Farnsworth is still catching students "out to lunch."—Bill Brandli will lecture at the next Rotary Club meeting. His subject: "Grass never grows on a busy street."—Steve Cronin has proven himself to be quite a sports announcer as well as the Sinatra of S. T. C.—Jim McKeon relates the story of going overseas with a company of WACS aboard. Says Jim, "Never before in history did so many chase so few for so little."—Yup, now I know. John Tower broke the chairs!!

Harvest Dance

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dance designed to introduce the men to the women. Traditional autumn refreshments — cold cider and doughnuts—were served during the evening. From the repercussions heard afterwards, the first Sophomore-Freshman social proved to be a fine and successful experiment.

Class Week

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under the auspices of the social committee, assisted by the Student Council. The faculty, wives, and students attended. The school band rendered popular selections. This affair ended a full week, in which each class brought forth their school spirit and talent in paying honor to the seniors.

To Park?

Once we had a parking space

Lots of room to roam.

Time marches on!

Leave your cars at home.

Remember the days, upper classman, when you had to take out your specs to see a car at S. T. C.? Now, the little area in back of the school is getting to look more and more like a used car lot. No offense to the owners, of course. Do you think our classmates got their bruises from football? basketball? hockey? No, it's a result of the dash for that precious little 2 by 4 parking space between the tree and the new Buick. Seriously, though, the situation is not quite that bad, and we are by no means objecting to students taking cars to school, as any weary bus-traveller will inform you. However, if the enrollment is any larger next year we predict—trouble.

Be Sure to Come
AND
Bring Your Friends
TO SEE

"DEAR RUTH"
Friday, Dec. 12

A Treat Is in Store
For You!

Club News

Now that President Sullivan has arranged our schedules so that the activities clubs can meet during school hours, students who work after school can reap their benefits for the first time. The introductory meetings of the five organizations were held third hour on Friday, October 10, and all clubs show promises of extraordinary spirit and renewed vitality for a fine year.

The *Cercle Francais* enthusiastically received colored films showing French animated cartoons of folk songs and dances. Most of us saw the picture on the bulletin board of little Anne Marie, the seven-year old French orphan whom the club has adopted. They have been sending her two boxes every month of food, clothing, and little luxuries like soap, candy, and toys; and several lovely dolls and other simple gifts have been collected for Annie's Christmas presents. The Cercle has received letters from both Anne and her mother, and these may be seen in Miss McKelligett's room.

Marie Alfano, chairman for the last meeting, arranged a program of appreciation of French music, and members of her committee presented recordings and comments on the selections. The singing of folk songs of France will open future meetings.

Officers are: President, Louise M. Sella; Vice-president, Eileen Bouvier; Treasurer, Edna M. Sansoucie; Secretary, Ellen C. McKeon; and Social Chairman, Anne-Marie Owens.

New members of the *Debating Club* were definitely impressed by the oratory powers of Phyllis Rawding and Rosalind Scott when they presented a panel discussion on "How Can We Feed Desolate Europe?" at the first meeting.

"Resolved: That a federal world government should be established" was the issue for the last meeting. It was a true Battle of the Sexes, for Kathleen Kelleher and Margaret Burke defended the affirmative, and George Flanagan and Gerald McGrain presented the opposition. The boys were the victors.

Miss Margaret Banigan, faculty adviser, has announced that plans are being formulated for debates to be held with surrounding colleges. At future meetings, all members will participate in discussions to better prepare themselves for public speaking.

Officers of the club are: President, Phyllis Rawding; Secretary, Sylvia Jozefowski; Treasurer, Rosalind Scott; Publicity Chairman, George Flanagan, and Program Chairman, Gerald McGrain.

The *Dramatic Club* has chosen Norman Krasna's sparkling comedy "Dear Ruth" for their production on December 12. Tryouts were held on October 21 and 22, and from the great numbers who turned out it was obvious that S. T. C. has a vast store of dramatic enthusiasts for future presentations.

The successful contestants are: Joseph Deely, June Higgins, Beverly Norcross, Marguerite Looney, Phyllis Rawding, James Nugent, Norman Najimy, Geraldine Guertin, Charles Burack, and Paul Murray.

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Apprentice Blues

Home work papers, lesson plans,
Discipline and a sea of hands,
Wads of gum and candy too—
Pray tell, what should an apprentice do?

Low burns the midnight oil
Wan and weary, bent with toil
The apprentice struggles on.

Motivation, units integrated,
Conclusions firm, the problems stated,
Procedure new, control intrinsic—
Evaluation keen and realistic.

Not according to plan goes the work today,
Apprentice hopes they'll stay away,
So—the supervisor comes.

Let all underclassmen who remain
Apprentice status to attain
Remember this—
It is not all bliss,
But the fun is worth the pain.

CLARA M. SAUNDERS

Forest Scene

Slivers of light through the green clumped
trees

Ovals of sun on the pine-strewn ground.
Trickles of bird notes sinking low,
Then rising high, to be lost in the glow
Of the sun, sinking down on its knees.

Whispers of wind through the sculptured
leaves

Brushes of breeze on the dreamy brook.
Rustle of bird wings 'gainst the west
Then folded close, to be stilled to rest
By the stillness of forest peace.

PHYLIS SHULMAN

Oakleaf

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been some lengthy discussion, however, concerning the issue of having either raised photos on the pages of the yearbook, or the regular surface type. This being the only stopgap at the present, the staff expects to send the book to press in a short while, so that it will be ready to distribute the week of June 2.

Impressions of the Seniors

The Class of '48 is split again this year, but this time the "Elementaries" are holding the fort at S. T. C., and the "Secondaries" are out fighting that well-known opponent, Apprenticeship. The girls and boys (we mustn't forget Al and George) are loving every minute of the battle, too. Scattered in secondary classrooms from Worcester through Rochdale and Grafton to Hopkinton, the practice teachers are giving their all for the profession. On Fridays, the school rings with tales of writing lesson plans that "took all night", of problem children who can't be solved, and of pupil questions that couldn't be answered. But though they all agree that teaching is a hard job, not one of them would exchange this valuable period in his life for any other.

George Laird ran into trouble the first day, when a regular teacher in the junior-high to which he'd been assigned, stopped him in the corridor and outrageously demanded to know what he was doing out of line!

To counteract the gum-chewing problem that was over-evident in her classes, a teacher-to-be came forth with the edict. "You can't chew gum because you're not all chewing." Needless to say, her would-be hopes vanished the next day when one of her over-zealous pupils brought in enough gum for everyone—three pieces to each person, including the teacher!

Another hopeful journeyed to her classroom before the school opened, to write exam questions on the board. When her efforts to keep the writing hidden from the eyes of her pupils until the proper time proved impossible, she conceived the clever idea of covering the blackboards with the huge maps hung there. She was proud of her work, but not for long—the class wasn't in the room for ten seconds, when the teacher turned to discover that the truth had come out. There her proteges stood, to the last man, clustered at the blackboard, with heads one and all hidden from view by the maps—intently reading the questions of their imminent test. (You can't win!)

And, of course we can't forget the test answers that make teachers' hair turn grey. The apprentices have had their share of those too.

When one apprentice asked the question — "What are tupiks?" (They're Eskimo summer tents, incidentally) she received the never-to-be forgotten answer — "They're the little slivers of wood that you use after dinner."

Ah, yes, practice teaching is fun, too. The secondaries have more than received their share of apples, cake, cookies, and sandwiches. One apprentice was gifted with five combs; she's still wondering if they were a hint. Another was offered a rabbit.

And so it goes, while the hopeful pedagogical prestidigitators (thank-you Miss Banigan) struggle on.

Men's Sports

Last month our new coach, Chet Waskiewicz, who is succeeding Jim Dorsey as mentor, called for candidates for the college basketball team. A tough schedule is being arranged with nearby colleges for the coming season. The following men reported for the team: George Dahlquist, Dick Herbst, Vic Hagger, Francis Graham, Leo Hallen, John Hanley, Gene Healy, Ernie Darche, Paul Murray, Roland Wilson, Hank Witko, Ed Titus, Ralph Whiterell, Bob Carter, Bill Hebert, Al Fotiades, Connie Sullivan, John Rourke, Leon Howard, Bill Humphries, W. Martel, John Warner, Jim Looney, John Ford, Al Koki, Leo Bohigian, Jack Gilmartin, and John Corcoran.

From this group twelve have been selected for the Varsity, while the rest of the men will play on the Junior Varsity team. Charles Korsun will be in charge of the J. V.'s.

The school team will be fitted with new suits and very attractive blue and gold warmup jackets. It is the hope of the team that the girls will come out in full force to root and cheer them to victory.

Because of the large influx of men at State Teachers', one finds the gym periods used in playing intramural touch tackle. The big event was November 7, when the Freshmen met the sophomores in an eight-man touch tackle game: The Sophomores were the victors, although the freshmen outnumber the year students about three to one.

Tell a man he is brave, and you held him to become so.

—THOMAS CARLYLE.

You—the Social Introvert

Are you one of those known as the social introvert? Do you, perhaps because of a true introvert nature and shyness of character, or because of a lazy spirit, spend your time with your nose continually in a book, and let the other fellow take the lead and do the work in the social field? Maybe you don't understand what you're missing. For in the end, it is you who will suffer through lack of benefits derived from participating in school life.

Social activities are formed for you; and there is a definite purpose in their formation. You and others like you fail to realize that in joining clubs, in working on committees, in taking an active part in the fun without which "Jack is a dull boy," you become an integral part of the working order of the school. You form relationships which will, in later years, prove beneficial to you. You learn how to work with others, as well as alone; how to strengthen a group by unification. You who intend to teach gain your self-confidence and knowledge of organization in these clubs. And in doing all this, your outlook and character become fuller and richer. Thus, both you and your classmates benefit.

Why be a social introvert? If there's a club to join, join it! Work on committees! You may not become the indispensable man, but you may become the man without which they'd hate to get along. Make yourself able to get along with your classmates and yourself. Develop school spirit! Take advantage of the chance that comes once in a lifetime to better yourself. Come out of your dark corner, social introvert, and live!

Ode to a 1935 Studebaker

Look at you, you relic of the past!
How you've changed since your engine was cast!

Your paint has long since faded away;
Your fender might fall off any day.
But beauty is skin deep, I am told,
And facts are apt to be very cold,
For they don't explain
That beauty is vain,
And what's more, you run, though you're old.

FRANK QUITADAMO '51

Club News

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Officers of the club are: President, June M. Higgins; Vice-President, Sylvia O. Badrigian; Secretary, Anne-Marie Owens; Treasurer, James Nugent; Program Chairman, J. Patricia Hehir; Publicity Chairman, Joseph C. Deely. Miss Kathryn R. O'Donnell is faculty adviser.

The last meeting of the *Geography Club* featured a program on Antarctica; Mary T. Londergan was chairman. Each member of the club presented a report on the discovery and exploration of the Antarctic, with special emphasis on Byrd's experience there. Plans for future meetings include talks by world travelers, and field trips.

Officers of the club are: President, Mary T. Londergan; Vice-President, Dorothy T. Fancy; and Secretary, Jane Noyes. Adviser is Dr. Earl B. Shaw.

Lillian Strand was chairman for

the last meeting, of the *Literary Club* when the program was devoted to contemporary poets with readings of the works of Robert Frost and Vachel Lindsay. Della Whitney won a "Guess the writer" quiz.

At the first meeting, the members voted to present to the English Department a collection of modern poetry recordings, recited by the authors themselves. The organization has joined the Book-of-the-Month Club. The meetings for the first part of the semester will be arranged by the Junior Elementary members.

Officers are: President, Rose Rita Ahern; Vice-President, Della M. Whitney; Secretary, Elizabeth A. Army; and Treasurer, Marie I. Hammond. Faculty adviser is Miss Elizabeth Barlow.

The last meeting of the *International Relations Club* featured a forum on Communism. George Laird is President of the association; Clara Saunders is Program-Chairman. Dr. Guy H. Winslow is faculty adviser.

The men's and women's *Glee Clubs* are making elaborate preparations for the annual Christmas concert to be presented for the student body, faculty, and friends. For the first time in the history of W. S. T. C., a chorus of male voices is in rehearsal; and a pleasurable program of international scope has been arranged by Miss Grace A. Kendrick, both for mixed chorus and separate glee clubs. Soloists from both clubs will add to the distinctiveness of the recital, parts of which will be broadcast over a local station.

The Men's Chorus with a membership of some twenty voices has been meeting at noon-hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays. William H. Hebert is president.

Officers of the Girls' Glee Club are: President, Catherine G. Hogan; Vice-President, Rosemarie I. Biron; Secretary-Treasurer, Sylvia G. Hawley.

Father John F. Reilly, club chaplain, will speak at the next meeting of the *Newman Club*. Paul Murray was chairman of the successful dance which the club sponsored for the students of the school on Friday evening, November 21. A supper-meeting is being planned for December under the chairmanship of Cornelius Sullivan, and his all-man committee will attempt to prove that the male element does know how to arrange such things.

Officers of the club are: J. Patricia Hehir, President; Paul W. Murray, Vice-President; Ellen E. McKeon, Secretary; and Cornelius S. Sullivan, Treasurer.

The *Student Christian Association* held an outing on October 7 at the Tatnuck Island Club on Cook's Pond for faculty and students. Faculty members who attended were: President Sullivan, Dr. Averill, Dr. Farnsworth, Dr. Shaw, Dr. Winslow, and Mr. Osborne, who is the club's adviser.

Mr. Douglas Spinney, a student at Gordon College of Theology, Boston, spoke at the meeting on October 21. His topic was "Keeping on the Road."

Officers of the Association are: President, Ernest H. St. Jacques; Secretary, Clara Saunders; Treasurer,

Dorothy M. Fancy; Program chairman, Harry Howard; Social chairman, Gwendolyn Stewart; and Publicity chairman, Noreen Arnberg.

The *Association for Childhood Education* is functioning this year for the first time at the college. A professional organization for teachers and student teachers, membership is open to all specializing in elementary work with special emphasis on Kindergarten-Primary. Mary-Lou Lenk and Mary Carroll were delegates from the club to a meeting of the Massachusetts A. C. E. at the Copley Plaza in Boston on Saturday, October 25. Miss Besse Goody-Koontz, Supervisor of Elementary Education in the Department of Education in Washington, was the principal speaker. She told of her experiences in the schools in Germany, in the American occupied zone.

Officers are: President, Mary-Lou Lenk; Secretary, Helen Adamowicz; and Social chairman, Elizabeth A. Army.

Silence—a Tribute?

Harry K. Daglian Jr., 24, for whom mathematics was the nourishment of life, was reared in New London, Conn. Like all typical American youth, he attended the public schools of that Connecticut city, and in his Senior year of high school was awarded a scholarship to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He stayed two years and then left for Purdue.

At Purdue the young student's spirit expanded. Not indulging in the ordinary off-the-campus activities, he occupied his mind and time with higher mathematics and physics. He ate frugally, studied diligently, made the physics honor society, Sigma-Pi-Sigma, and graduated third in a class of fifteen hundred. From student, he rose with a B. S. degree to graduate assistant in physics, and surged energetically ahead in atomic research. He struggled with unknown forces that were later to explode with terrifying blasts in the deserts of New Mexico, and over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Then in the month of November 1943, the year his father died, the government called this young man to the Manhattan District of Atomic Project, in New Mexico.

At Los Alamos, the brilliant young graduate assistant in physics worked as a cyclotron expert, his heart and soul in his mystic work. He stayed there twenty-six months, intent upon his efforts, never mentioning to anyone the importance of his work. Then one day, his widowed mother and his younger sister were flown by the federal government to the bedside of the ailing boy. He lingered for twenty-five days and then passed away from mysterious burns received while working at his job, with the secret of his confidential work locked tight behind his lips.

The body of the young genius was flown back to New London in a gray government coffin, and laid to rest. No flag rises beside that grave. No government plaque tells that there, beneath the gentle slopes of the earth, rests a unique martyr to nuclear research.